



## **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY**

**December 2011 – Week 5**

**Air Date: December 25 – December 31 (Sunday – Saturday)**

### **TITLE: EVE OF THE ARMADILLO**

NEW YEARS EVE 1980 AND IT'S LAST CALL.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NEW YEARS EVE, 1980. AUSTIN. FOR A DECADE, THE ARMADILLO WORLD HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN THE HEART OF THE TEXAS MUSIC SCENE. HOME TO LOCAL BANDS LIKE THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS AND ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL, THE CLUB HOSTS BIGGER NAMES LIKE RAY CHARLES, SPRINGSTEEN, ZAPPA, WILLIE NELSON AND MORE.

AN OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, THE CLUB IS CAVERNOUS, WITH NO SEATS AND POOR ACOUSTICS. BUT GOOD MUSIC, CHEAP TICKETS, CHEAP BEER AND LOTS OF POT MAKE IT FAMOUS.

WHEN AUSTIN'S RAPID GROWTH OVERTAKES THE ICONIC VENUE, THE CLUB GOES BROKE.

TONIGHT, THE ARMADILLO HOSTS ITS FINAL SHOW. A YEAR LATER, THE CLUB IS RAZED TO MAKE WAY FOR A HIGH-RISE OFFICE. ITS LEGACY... LIVES ON.

THE ARMADILLO WORLD HEADQUARTERS TOOK A BOW 31 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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